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Judge Kimes Named to Child Fatality Review Panel



State Rep. John Hetherington, R-125th, New Canaan, Wilton, announced that New Canaan Probate Judge Russell A. Kimes, Jr., has been appointed to the Connecticut Child Fatality Review Panel that investigates the death of a child while in state custody.

House Minority Leader Robert M. Ward, R-86th, Northford, made the appointment to the thirteen member committee. Other members include the chief state's attorney, chief medical examiner and others named by the governor and legislative leaders.

Judge Kimes has served as Judge of Probate for the District of New Canaan since 2001, where he handles estates, trusts and issues related to the welfare of children, persons with mental retardation, mentally ill and drug dependent cases.

Also, he is past president, captain and founding member of the New Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Since 1998, he had served as the governor's appointee to the Connecticut Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board.

Judge Kimes also served as Connecticut Superior Court small claims commissioner from 1976 to 1985 and as New Canaan Town Councilman from 1977 to 1990.

He also has been an attorney in private practice, as well as assistant staff judge advocate in the United States Air Force. He is married to Nikki Kimes and has two sons.